

# Homelessness in Nashville during COVID-19

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Presentation to the Affordable Housing Committee  
of the Metro Council, Nashville



# We know how to end homelessness.

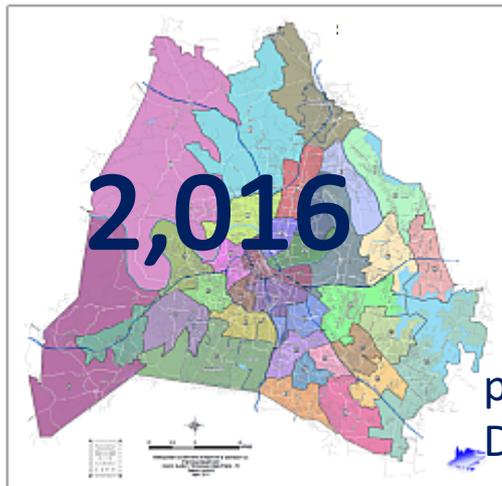
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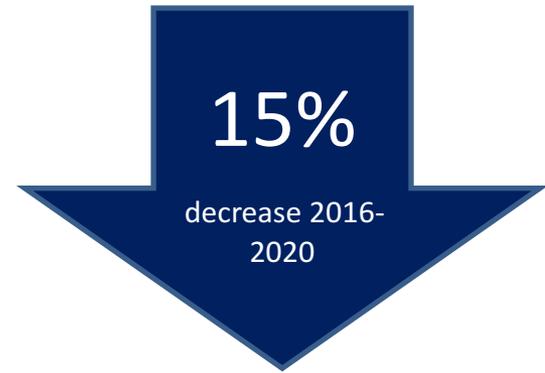
- ✓ Affordable Housing
- ✓ Appropriate Services
- ✓ Adequate Income

# Homelessness in Nashville.

On the night of  
Jan. 23, 2020,



people experienced homelessness in  
Davidson County.



- 1,432 in sheltered situations (emergency shelters, transitional housing)
- 584 in unsheltered situations (street, encampments, cars, etc.)

# Homelessness during COVID-19.

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- Social Distancing at Nashville Rescue Mission.
- Metro shelters at Fairgrounds & Municipal Auditorium.
- Approx. half of population stays in encampments (compared to about 1/3 prior to COVID).

Early on during the COVID pandemic (April & May, 2020), shelter homelessness decreased, while outdoor homelessness increased.

Encampment population increase since June 2020: an estimated 5%

Homelessness becomes increasingly visible.

- Service models changed.
- Libraries closed.
- Waiting rooms limited.
- Downtown encampments grow.
- Service needs increase immediately (food insecurity, showers, laundry, medical services, mental health services, etc.)

# Emergency Solutions Grant - ESG.

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\$10 million in ESG-CV grants.



MDHA – Homeless Impact Division – HUD TA



Local Nonprofits



**Street Outreach**  
**Rapid Re-Housing**

# Housing Ends Homelessness.

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House 400+ people experiencing literal homelessness by December 2021.

## How?

- Engagement
- Assessment
- Prioritization
- Housing Assistance
- Services



# Landlord Engagement.

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- Dedicated staff to work with property owners.
- Landlord Incentives.
- Bi-weekly coordination calls.



# Q&A

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## Resources:

[Monthly CoC Newsletter](#)

[Monthly Report from Homeless Impact Division](#)

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